72. **(NEW)** The system as recited in claim 70, wherein said means for creating comprises means for selecting one or more symbols from a first set of predetermined symbols to define a valid sequence of symbols to indicate the manner of use.

73. **(NEW)** The system as recited in claim 71, wherein said means for creating comprises means for selecting symbols from a second set of predetermined symbols to define a valid sequence of symbols to indicate the conditions.

74. **(NEW)** The system as recited in claim 73, wherein said means for creating comprises means for designating a set of default conditions.

75. **(NEW)** The system as recited in claim 74, wherein said means for creating further comprises means for changing the default set of conditions.

76. **(NEW)** The system as recited in claim 70, wherein the manner of use specifies a manner by which an authorized user is able to render the digital content.

77. **(NEW)** The system as recited in claim 70, wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party can use the digital content to create a new digital content.

78. **(NEW)** The system as recited in claim 70, wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to make a back-up copy of the digital content.

79. **(NEW)** The system as recited in claim 70, wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to conceal the corresponding digital content on a device on which the digital content is stored.

80. **(NEW)** The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to delete the digital content from a device on which digital content is stored.

81. **(NEW)**   The system as recited in claim 70, wherein the digital content is a software program.

82. **(NEW)**   The system as recited in claim 81, wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to install the software program.

83. **(NEW)**   The system as recited in claim 81, wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to uninstall the software program.

84. **(NEW)**   The system as recited in claim 70, wherein the usage rights comprise a revenue identifier for identifying a revenue owner of the digital content.

85. **(NEW)**   The system as recited in claim 70, wherein the usage rights comprise a class identifier for identifying a class of rendering devices upon which the digital content can be rendered.

86. **(NEW)**   The system as recited in claim 71, wherein said means for creating comprises means for creating a first version of usage rights having a first set of conditions and means for creating a second version of usage rights having a second set of conditions.

87. **(NEW)**   The system as recited in claim 72, wherein said means for creating comprises means for selecting one or more codes from a set of predetermined codes to define a valid sequence of codes to indicate the manner of use.

88. **(NEW)**   The system as recited in claim 72, wherein said means for creating comprises means for selecting one or more identifiers from a set of predetermined identifiers to define a valid sequence of identifiers to indicate the manner of use.

89. **(NEW)**   The system as recited in claim 72, wherein said means for creating comprises means for selecting one or more parameters from a set of predetermined parameters to define a valid sequence of parameters to indicate the manner of use.

90. **(NEW)** The system as recited in any one of claims 70-89, wherein said means for creating and said means for designating, and said means for associating each comprise computer readable instructions recorded on media.

91. **(NEW)** A method for associating usage rights with digital content, said method comprising:

electronically creating usage rights from a grammar, said usage rights specifying a manner of use indicating one or more purposes of plural purposes for which the digital content can be at least one of used and distributed by an authorized party;

associating the usage rights with a digital content;

exchanging information with a first repository for storing the digital content and the associated usage rights and for processing a usage transaction specifying the usage rights to determine if access to the digital content can be granted; and

exchanging information with a second repository for generating the usage transaction specifying the usage rights for requesting access to the digital content.

92. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein the usage rights also specify one or more conditions which most be satisfied before the manner of use may be exercised.

93. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 92, wherein the conditions comprise a set of default conditions.

94. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein said step of creating comprises selecting symbols from a first set of predetermined symbols to define a valid sequence of symbols to indicate the manner of use.

95. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 92, wherein said step of creating comprises selecting one or more symbols from a second set of predetermined symbols to define a valid sequence of symbols to indicate the conditions.

96. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 92, wherein said step of creating further comprises changing the default set of conditions.

97. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein the manner of use specifies a manner by which an authorized party is able to render the digital content.

98. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party can use the digital content to create a new digital content.

99. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to make a back-up copy of the digital content.

100. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to conceal the digital content on a device on which the digital content is stored.

101. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to delete the digital content from a device on which the digital content is stored.

102. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein the digital content is a software program.

103. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 102, wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to install the software program.

104. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 102, wherein the manner of use specifies the manner by which an authorized party is able to uninstall the software program.

105. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein the usage rights comprise a revenue identifier for identifying a revenue owner of the digital content.

106. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein the usage rights comprise a class identifier for identifying a class of rendering devices upon which the digital content can be rendered.

107. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein said step of creating further comprises creating a first version of usage rights having a first set of conditions and a second version of usage rights having a second set of conditions.

108. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 94, wherein said step of creating comprises selecting one or more codes from a set of predetermined codes to define a valid sequence of codes to indicate the manner of use.

109. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 94, wherein said step of creating comprises selecting one or more identifiers from a set of predetermined identifiers to define a valid sequence of identifiers to indicate the manner of use.

110. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 94, wherein said step of creating comprises selecting one or more parameters from a set of predetermined parameters to define a valid sequence of parameters to indicate the manner of use.

111. **(NEW)** The system as recited in claim 70, wherein said first repository and said second repository are parts of a same repository.

112. **(NEW)** The system as recited in claim 70, wherein said first repository and said second repository are parts of different repositories.

113. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein said first repository and said second repository are parts of a same repository.

114. **(NEW)** The method as recited in claim 91, wherein said first repository and said second repository are parts of different repositories.

115. **(NEW)** A system as recited in claim 70, wherein said content comprises a contents file and said usage rights comprise a description tree file.

116. **(NEW)** A system as recited in claim 70, wherein said content and said usage rights are stored on the same device.

117. **(NEW)** A system as recited in claim 70, wherein said content and said usage rights are stored on different devices.

118. **(NEW)** A system as recited in claim 91, wherein said content and said usage rights are stored on the same device.

119. **(NEW)** A system as recited in claim 117, wherein said content and said usage rights are stored on the same device.